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James ROSS : Batch No. D53
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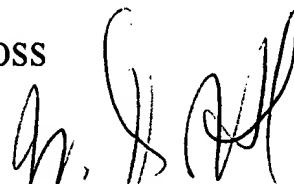
Applicant in the above-entitled application hereby claims the date of priority under the International Convention of New Zealand Patent Application No. 329756, filed February 13, 1998, and New Zealand Patent Application No. 330021, filed March 23, 1998, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

The attached Form PCT/IB/304 evidences that copies of the priority documents were received by the International Bureau. Thus, it is submitted that the Applicant's claim of foreign priority has been perfected, and acknowledgment of such is respectfully requested.

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